## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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## **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A warm molding raw material powder in powder metallurgy, whereincomprising a composition of hydroxy fatty acid salt having an average particle diameter of from 5 µm to 100 µm is in a range of from 0.3 wt% to 2 wt%.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A warm molding raw material powder in powder metallurgy, whereincomprising a composition of a hydroxy fatty acid salt having an average particle diameter of from 5 µm to 100 µm is in a range of from 0.5 wt% to 2 wt%.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The warm molding raw material powder according to Claim 1—or—2, wherein a lubricant having a melting point below a warm molding temperature is not contained.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The warm molding raw material powder according to any one of Claims Claim 1-to-3, wherein the hydroxy fatty acid salt is a hydroxy stearic acid salt.

Claim 5 (Original): The warm molding raw material powder according to Claim 4, wherein the hydroxy stearic acid salt is hydroxy lithium stearate.

Claim 6 (Original): The warm molding raw material powder according to Claim 5, wherein the hydroxy lithium stearate is 12-hydroxy lithium stearate.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A warm molding method performed by comprising the step of using the warm molding raw material powder according to any one of Claims Claim 1-to 6.

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The warm molding method according to Claim 7, wherein, in powder metallurgy, after a hydroxy fatty acid salt having an average particle diameter of 50 µm or less is attached on a mold, <u>further comprising the step of performing</u> warm molding is <u>performedin the mold</u>.

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Claim 9 (Original): The warm molding method according to Claim 8, wherein the hydroxy fatty acid salt is a hydroxy fatty acid lithium.

Claim 10 (Original): The warm molding method according to Claim 9, wherein the hydroxy fatty acid lithium is hydroxy lithium stearate.

Claim 11 (Original): The warm molding raw material powder according to Claim 10, wherein the hydroxy lithium stearate is 12-hydroxy lithium stearate.